## IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A device to analyze or reconstruct one or more a

Please amend the claims as follows:

signal signals Ij coming from one or more a light sources, source, comprising at least:

[[•]] means [[to]] for separate separating the signals Ij signal into at least two input signals;

Ij1 and Ij2,

[[•]] at least two channels  $V_{17}$ ,  $V_{2}$  respectively possessing a gain  $G_{17}$ ,  $G_{2}$  and a dynamic range,  $D_{17}$ ,  $D_{27}$ , said channels having are each configured to have a converter tube, at least one sensor, and being adapted to obtain, at output, a signal Ij1, I'j2 to generate at least one output signal with amplitudes  $A_{11}(t)$ ,  $A_{12}(t)$  a first amplitude  $A_{11}(t)$  and a second amplitude  $A_{12}(t)$ ; and

[[•]] a device for the processing configured to process [[of]] the output signals, I'j1, I'j2 adapted to memorizing wherein the device configured to process includes a memory unit configured to store at least one of the first amplitude  $A_{11}(t)$  and second amplitude  $A_{12}(t)$   $A_{11}(t)$ ,  $A_{12}(t)$ , of at least one of the two output signals I'j1, I'j2 when I'j1 and/or I'j2 one of the output signals is below a threshold value [[S<sub>max</sub>]] and to determining a determination unit configured to determine [[the]] an amplitude [[A<sub>1</sub>(t)]] of the corresponding signal from the light source, [[I'j.]] and

said converter tubes are configured to convert the input signal into an electron beam that impacts a screen and said sensor is configured to sense an image on the screen and generate the output signal.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The device according to claim 1, wherein the signal processing device configured to process further comprises: works as follows:

for a signal I'; corresponding to a given spatial position j

- if the amplitude  $A_{ji}(t)$  is smaller than or equal to a threshold value  $S_{max}$  then the processing device stores the pair of values  $(A_{ji}(t), t)$ ,
- a device configured to store a pair of values  $(A_{jl}(t),t)$ , where t is time, if the first amplitude is smaller than or equal to the threshold value;
- if the amplitude  $A_{j1}(t)$  is greater than the threshold value  $S_{max}$ , then the processing device stores the pair of values  $(A_{j2}(t), t)$  and

a device configured to store a pair of values  $(A_{i2}(t),t)$ , where t is time, if the second amplitude is greater than the threshold value; and

[[•]] a device configured to determine, from the stored values  $(A_{j1}(t), t)$ ,  $(A_{j2}(t), t)$ , the device determines the <u>a</u> corresponding values <u>values</u> of amplitude  $A_{j}(t)$  in order to obtain <u>of</u> the signal <u>from the light source.</u>[[I'<sub>j</sub>.]]

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The device according to one of the claims claims 1 or 2, wherein said means [[of]] for separating the signal I have from the light source has an attenuation coefficient K determined so that K is smaller than or equal to the dynamic range of at least one of said channels.  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$ .

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The device according to elaim 3, claims 1 or 2, wherein the means [[of]] for separation separating have a value of has an attenuation coefficient K with a value that is substantially equal to the dynamic range of at least one of said channels.  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$ .

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): [[A]] <u>The</u> device according to <del>one of the</del> claims 1 [[to 4]] <u>or 2</u>, wherein the sensors are streak cameras.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The device according to one of the claims 1 [[to 5]] or 2, comprising:

n channels having a dynamic range, [[D<sub>n</sub>,]] where n is an integer, and

(n-1) means [[of]] <u>for</u> separating the signal. <u>or signals I<sub>i</sub>-</u>

## 7. (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A method to analyze of analyzing a signal from a light source [[I<sub>j</sub>]] with a wide dynamic range, wherein it comprises at least the following steps: comprising steps of:

[[(a)]] separating the signal to be analyzed into at least two input signals;  $I_{j+}$ ,  $I_{j-2}$ ,

[[(b)]] making each <u>input</u> signal  $I_{j1}$ ,  $I_{j-2}$  go through at least one channel  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$  comprising including a converter tube, at least one sensor, <u>and</u> each of the channels having a dynamic range;  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$ ,

converting the input signal into an electron beam that illuminates a screen and said sensor senses an image on the screen and generates an output signal.

[[(c)]] memorizing each <u>output</u> signal  $\frac{1}{1}$ -and  $\frac{1}{1}$ -and  $\frac{1}{1}$ -and the two channels  $\frac{1}{1}$ -and  $\frac{1}{1}$ -and

(d) reading [[the]] values of the first amplitude  $A_{jl}(t)$  and comparing each of the values with a threshold value; [[S<sub>max</sub>]]

[[(e)]] if [[Aj1(t)]] the first amplitude  $A_{j1}(t)$  is smaller than the threshold value [[S<sub>max</sub>]], memorizing the value of the amplitude  $A_{j1}(t)$  and [[the]] a corresponding instant t, where t is time;

[[(f)]] if [[Ajl1(t)]] the first amplitude  $A_{j1}(t)$  is greater than the threshold value, [[S<sub>max</sub>,]] then memorizing the value  $A_{j2}(t)$  and [[the]] corresponding instant t, where t is time; [[(g)]] determining the resultant amplitude of the signal from the light source [[Aj(t)]] from [[the]] pairs of values having an amplitude  $\frac{(A_{j1}(t), t); (A_{j2}(t), t)]}{(A_{j1}(t), t); (A_{j2}(t), t)}$ .

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The method according to claim 8, wherein the signal from a light source is split up separated into several signals, I<sub>j</sub>-with j varying spatially, and wherein the steps of claim 8 (a) to (g) are reiterated for each of the values of j. of the separated signals.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The method according to one of the claims 8 and 9 claims 8 or 9, wherein the threshold value [[S<sub>max</sub>]] corresponds to the value of saturation of the sensor with the smallest dynamic range.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The method according to one of the claims 8 to 10, claims 8 or 9, wherein a sensor comprises a streak camera.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The method according to one of the claims 8 to 10, claims 8 or 9, wherein the signal from the light source to be analyzed I<sub>j</sub> corresponds to [[the]] a projection of a single laser beam through a slot.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The method according to one of the claims 8 to 10, claims 8 or 9, wherein the analyzed signal [[I<sub>j</sub>]] is a linear image coming from a spectrometer or [[the]] a section of a physical phenomenon.

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Claim 14 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The method according to one of the claims 8 to 10, claims 8 or 9, wherein the signal from a light source to be analyzed I<sub>j</sub> is a signal formed by a row of optic fibers, each of the fibers producing a signal having an index j.